

**Minutes of the Jasper Community Arts Commission
City of Jasper, Indiana
November 3, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Jasper Community Arts Commission was held at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 3, 2015, in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Roll call was held with the following **Commission Members Present:** Mike Jones, Robin Norris, Gary Moeller, Linda Kahle, Becky Hickman, Beth Seidl, Selena Vonderheide and Kyle Rupert. **Commission Members Absent:** Sherry Monesmith, Pat Thyen and Darla Blazey: **Staff Members Present:** Kit Miracle, Doreen Lechner, Karen Grewe, Corina Mack, Emily Colucci and Donna Schepers. **City Attorney:** Renee Kabrick **Guests in attendance:** Herald Reporter Candy Neal, WITZ News Director Jim O'Neal. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes

Selena Vonderheide moved to approve the minutes of the October meeting. **Beth Seidl** seconded. Motion passed 8-0.

City Financial Statement

Becky Hickman moved to approve the claims as presented. **Gary Moeller** seconded. Motion passed 8-0.

Public Business

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Director's Report/Performing Arts

Kit reported.

- Kit requested to move \$3000 each from the Repair line and General Supplies line into the Contractual Services line. **Gary Moeller** moved to transfer funds from the Repair and General Supplies line into the Contractual Services line. **Robin Norris** seconded. Motion passed 8-0.
- We had a spectacular October with 3 sold out public shows; *Alpin Hong*, *Time Jumpers* and *Always...Patsy Cline*. We also had *Curious George* in October with 2 sold out school shows.
- The Performing Arts Committee has already met twice working on next season's line up.
- Kit complimented the staff, especially Doreen and her crew for the hard work on *Always...Patsy Cline*.

Building and Structure Report

Doreen reported.

- Doreen asked permission to seek quotes for a wide angle projector. Questions and discussion followed. **Mike Jones** moved to allow Doreen to seek information on a wide angle projector. **Linda Kahle** seconded. Motion passed 8-0.
- Doreen asked for permission to seek quotes on new parking lot lights. There have been issues with the lights for several years. This will be in next year's budget. Questions and discussion followed. It was mentioned that the Park Dept is getting LED lights on some tennis courts and maybe this is an option. Jerry Schitter, Electric Dept., has the name of a lighting expert who may be able to assist. **Mike Jones** moved to allow Doreen to contact Jerry Schitter to assist with our parking lot lights and to get information and pricing for traditional and LED lighting options. **Robin Norris** seconded. Motion passed 8-0.

Education Report

Donna reported.

- A Kennedy Center Artist is coming this month on the 17th and 18th. Her name is Maria Barbosa. She is a visual artist. She will be teaching workshops for elementary and 6th grade teachers.

- Donna gave testimony regarding keeping the arts credit included on the Honors Diplomas in Indiana High Schools. She was asked by one of the Directors of the State Board of Education to give testimony due to the letters she wrote to them.

Visual Arts Report

Emily reported.

- Visual Arts Committee exhibit came down yesterday and the new exhibit, 3 Sculptors, will be hung after the board meeting today. First Thursday is this week. Gary Schmitt, one of the artists may give a short gallery talk at the reception.
- Gary Schmitt and Scott Ziegler, two of the three November exhibiting artists, will provide workshops for JHS students tomorrow morning. They will do hands on projects to take with them in addition to a lecture.
- A Canvas and Cabernet class is scheduled for Nov. 12. It is already full with a waiting list.
- One birthday party is scheduled for this month.

Project Coordinator Report

Corina reported.

- It didn't work out for our muralist to work with a local business this past weekend. We are still planning to push forward with our mural this spring.
- Making plans for our annual volunteer thank you reception and December Gallery reception. It is December 9th. Swallow Tale will be providing music.

Old Business

- Selena Vonderheide reported for The Next Act. They had a successful weekend in October thanks to Kimball Electronics who sponsored the events. They had the Southwest Indiana Film Festival on Friday with about 150 in attendance and Bosco Franks on Saturday with about 200 in attendance. On Sunday the Downtown Merchants hosted a film with about 165 tickets given out for that. They are still working to complete the Phase 1 fund raising.

New Business

- Becky Hickman reported that the River Center plans were revealed at the last City Council meeting. Some discussion followed.
- Renee Kabrick reported she was invited to attend the Library Board meeting last week. She stated they did a pretty methodical walk through of the request for proposal that she drafted. She will send out the RFP to the JCAC board after she has looked through the Library Board's proposed changes.
- Beth Seidl mentioned that ACT's next production will be a dinner theater at Reflections in Huntingburg on November 12, 13 and 14. She invited all to attend.

Adjournment

Gary Moeller moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:57 p.m. **Beth Seidl** seconded. Motion passed 8-0.

Mike Jones

Attested